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By: *Linda Chaffer*

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Louis E. Henderson, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/431,607

Filed: November 1, 1999

For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING  
AND USING COMPOUNDS THAT  
INACTIVATE HIV-1 AND OTHER  
RETROVIRUSES BY ATTACKING  
HIGHLY CONSERVED ZINC FINGERS  
IN THE VIRAL NUCLEOCAPSID  
PROTEIN

Examiner: Shanon A. Foley

Art Unit: 1648

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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This Amendment and Response responds to the Final Office Action dated July 2, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with a Petition for a three-month extension of time thereby extending the due date for a response from October 2, 2002 to January 2, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered without prejudice:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph.

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